

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128 of the Administration Building, Loyola Campus, at 5:30 p.m. on March 13, 1978

PRESENT: Prof. F. W. Bedford, Chairman

Mr. B. Counihan, Dr. E. Enos, Mr. M. Flynn, Mr. A. Sproule, Mr. J. Macaluso, Mr. J. Hopkins, Ms. B. Litner, Rev. R. Gaudet, S. J., Mr. B. Philip, Mr. F. Denton, Prof. R. Allison, Prof. W. Gilsdorf, Prof. L. Van Toch, Mr. J. James, Mrs. S. Kerr, Mr. R. Davies, Ms. M. O'Dea, Mr. O. El-Awadi, Mr. M. Wiemann, Mr. D. Martin, Ms. S. Howlett, Mr. N. Cloutier, Mr. K. Boyle, Mr. J. McCully, Rev. R. E. O'Connor, S. J. and Mrs. N. Cooper, Secretary.

ALTERNATE: Mr. Alain Lajoie for Mr. Y. Dubois.

ABSENT: Ms. N. Marrelli, Prof. B. Slack, Prof. T. Fancott, Mr. H. Safvi.

Chairman's Remarks

- 78.3.1.0 A regular quorum being present, the Chairman opened the meeting, stating that as this was a special meeting called to receive budget recommendations of the Finance Committee, no agenda had been distributed.
- 78.3.1.1 He wished, however, to remind Council of the term of office for members of CCSL as specified in the Mandate. This stipulates that representatives of student associations shall serve a one-year term, renewable, beginning on May 1 and ending on April 30 of the following year; while faculty and staff representatives shall serve a two-year term, renewable, beginning on May 1 and ending on April 30 of the second following year. He asked members to consider representation on Council for the 1978/79 term.
- 78.3.1.2 The terms of office of three faculty members will be completed this Spring and Steering Committee has proposed that these representatives, as well as members in general, forward to Steering Committee names of suggested replacements. The rationale given for this was to bring new people into CCSL and so that those leaving the Council may act as alternates and still have valuable input.
- 78.3.1.3 Prof. Bedford stated that the one-year term of office of the Chairperson will end this Spring. As Steering Committee represents all constituencies, it has been suggested that it be permitted to act as a Search Committee for a new chairperson. Names of members of Steering Committee were read by the Chairman. It was then MOVED by Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Father Gaudet and CARRIED
- "THAT the present Steering Committee, minus its Chairman, be empowered to act as a Search Committee for a chairperson for the CCSL for the 1978/79 term."
- 78.3.1.4 Prof. Bedford reported that, as instructed by Council at its meeting on February 20, 1978, Steering Committee had formulated a Motion (Document CCSL-78-3-D1) dealing with the fifth floor study space in the Hall Building, which had been sent to the Rector.
- 78.3.1.5 Prof. Macaluso reported, as a member of the Arts and Science Faculty Council, that that Council had approved in principle, with some conditions, a Study Week.
- 78.3.1.6 A roll call revealed that a quorum as specified in the CCSL Mandate was present for the purpose of voting on policy and budget matters.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on February 20, 1978

78.3.2 It was MOVED by Ms. O'Dea, SECONDED by Mr. Hopkins that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 20, 1978 be APPROVED with the following correction: Regarding item 6.0, the Seconder of this motion was Mr. James and not Mr. Denton as recorded.

Report of the Finance Committee

78.3.3.0 Mr. Macaluso cautioned members of Council and guests that the information distributed by him at the meeting in manila folders was confidential. He then assigned the following document numbers:

Letter from Father Graham to Mr. Macaluso, dated November 11, 1977 - CCSL-78-3-D2.
Letter from Father Graham to Mr. Macaluso, dated December 22, 1977 - CCSL-78-3-D3.
Letter from Father Graham to Mr. Macaluso, dated January 26, 1978 - CCSL-78-3-D4.
Letter from Mr. Reay to Mr. Macaluso, dated February 21, 1978 - CCSL-78-3-D5
Letter with enclosures from Mr. Davies to Mr. Macaluso, dated February 21, 1978 - CCSL-78-3-D6
Letter from Father Graham to Mr. Macaluso, dated March 13, 1978 - CCSL-78-3-D7

78.3.3.1 The Chairman of the Finance Committee went on to say that the budget submitted by Vice-Rector Graham, and recommended by the Finance Committee, represented the current budget with the amount of expenditures increased by 5.4% to provide for an 8% increase in full-time salaries. Part-time salaried and non-salaried amounts were unchanged. The proposed budget represented no significant change in the relative distribution of expenditures among the services and therefore no apparent change in the priorities of the Vice-Rector and the Directors.

As Council, through its Priorities Committee had not indicated a change, and mindful of the lead time required for the implementation of any well-considered recommendations for changes in program or personnel, the Finance Committee believed that it would not be useful to recommend changes in the level and distribution of expenditures proposed by the Vice-Rector for 1978/79.

Mr. Macaluso then MOVED, SECONDED by Prof. Allison

"THAT the Concordia Council on Student Life adopt the proposed 1978/79 budget sent to it by Vice-Rector Graham (Document CCSL-78-3-D3)."

Mr. Macaluso stated that the Finance Committee was prepared to answer questions from members.

78.3.3.2 Mr. Davies requested and received permission from the Chair to divide Expenses and Revenue for purposes of discussion.

Mr. Davies then MOVED the following six amendments, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea, stating that he understood the amendments would be considered in reverse order to which they were presented. Document number CCSL-78-3-D8 was assigned to these amendments which were numbered 1 - 6 by the mover.

- 1) That the Contingency Expense of \$6,506 (element #465) in the Athletic budget be transferred out of Athletics and into the General Contingency Fund.
- 2) That the proposed Contingency Fund of \$25,000 be reduced by \$20,000.

3) That support be withdrawn from the following four programs:

- a) student orientation
- b) foreign student reception
- c) student projects
- d) special projects for a total saving of \$7,310.

- 4) That the total Travel and Development expense (element #199) of \$116,975 be reduced by \$8,350. Furthermore, this reduction will occur in all departments except Athletics.
- 5) That the expense element (element #349) Equipment in the Athletics budget be reduced by \$1,870.
- 6) That the expense element (#239) Supplies & Material totalling \$28,390 in the Athletics budget be reduced by \$4,000.

A short recess was called while copies of the amendments were provided for members.

B.3.3.3

On reconvening, the Chairman was asked to rule the six amendments out of order as they dealt with priorities and were considered contrary to the spirit of the motion presently being discussed. The Chairman declined to so rule, stating that Council was entitled to make amendments and if members were opposed they could so vote. The Chairman of the Finance Committee then stated the wish of the Committee to go on record as strenuously protesting what it considered to be an arbitrary practice.

B.3.3.4

Mr. Davies then outlined his rationale for the last four amendments, saying that, as Priorities Committee had not succeeded in meeting, and as the Rector had stated that budget cuts involving personnel would require 18 months' notice, cuts could only be made in the 17% non-salaried items of the budget. The Child Care subsidy could not be touched without going into priorities and possible personnel cuts. Other areas questioned last year could not be moved according to the Rector.

Of the 17% non-salaried budget, 36% is contained in Account 199 - Travel and Development, and since \$59,000 of this is in the Athletics budget for team travel, etc. amendment no. 4 would only involve the remaining three areas, cutting the Travel and Development allotment by 15%. Amendment nos. 5 & 6 would cut the next largest items, Equipment and Supplies and Materials in the Athletic budget, by a similar percentage.

According to documents from Father Graham, a budget surplus occurred a few years ago, and since there is a possibility of a surplus this year because \$22,000 remained in the Contingency Fund at the end of December 1977, amendment no. 2 proposes its reduction by \$20,000.

Mr. Davies believed that if Priorities Committee did not meet to find ways of reducing student services fees and if Finance Committee had not investigated more closely discretionary expenses, motions from the floor were necessary. He stated that if amendments 2 - 6 were adopted it would result in a 2% cut in the total budget, while reducing the contingency fund would represent approximately 1%.

B.3.3.5

Questions and discussion followed during which the following points emerged:

- a) Dean Flynn pointed out that because of inflation, cuts had already been made in the budget over the past two years. He said the Directorate is mindful of attrition.

- b) Prof. Allison believed that the amendments were getting into the area of administration.
- c) Dr. Enos stated that the Athletic Department does not budget for Championships, but requests money from Contingency if required. He also feared that a cut of \$1870 from athletic equipment may be jeopardizing the safety of players.
- d) Several students were not in favour of cutting any portion of the budget which they believed affected students directly.

78.3.3.6 It was then MOVED by Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan and CARRIED that the question be called.

The Chairman called for a separate vote on the six amendments proposed by Mr. Davies -

Amendment No. 6 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
Amendment No. 5 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
Amendment No. 4 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
Amendment No. 3 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
Amendment No. 2 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
Amendment No. 1 - AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

78.3.3.6 The Council then returned to discussion of the motion.

Mr. James voiced his concern about falling enrolment projections and felt it was imperative that Council have input from the Priorities Committee. He also believed that Council or a Committee thereof should be receiving information regarding the hiring of new personnel in the student services areas. The Chairman requested that this question be deferred as attrition was on the agenda for the next Steering Committee Meeting.

78.3.3.7 A motion to call the question PROPOSED by Prof. Allison, SECONDED by Mr. Macaluso was DEFEATED.

78.3.3.8 Ms. Litner congratulated Mr. Davies on his attempt to limit spending in the student services areas, but pointed out that financial constraints, causing restriction of growth and lack of upward movement, were being felt by staff.

Mr. James felt that this was an administrative area and reminded Council that students were concerned about the increase in the global budget. He then asked for a definition of the term "student", for budget purposes. The Chairman stated that Mr. Reay at the last meeting had outlined the basis on which student services fees are charged. The only area not clearly defined was that of Continuing Education students. It may be possible, Prof. Bedford said, to assess Continuing Education students student services fees which would permit a reduction in the 15.57%. He suggested that this question be considered separately.

Mr. Macaluso reminded members that it was the duty of Council to recommend revenue as well as expenditures to the Board of Governors.

78.3.3.9 After discussion concerning the inclusion of Continuing Education students in the budget, it was MOVED by Prof. Gilsdorf, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan

"THAT the motion be amended to state that the implications of the graduated student services fee being applied to Continuing Education students be studied by the Rectorate or a task force. If possible or desirable to implement before September, 1978, the exact percentage of the graduated fee be adjusted downward accordingly."

Discussion on the proposed amendment resulted in the WITHDRAWAL of the proposed amendment by the Mover and Seconder.

78.3.3.10 The following amendment was then MOVED by Ms. Litner, SECONDED by Mr. Lajoie

"THAT Continuing Education students be subject to a graduated student services fee structure for the budget presently under discussion."

Discussion followed in which it was pointed out that one of the arguments for assessing student services fees on a percentage basis was that usage should not be the criteria on which fees should be based.

It was MOVED by Ms. O'Dea, SECONDED by Ms. Litner and CARRIED that the question be called on the amendment.

The Chairman then called the question on the amendment.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

78.3.3.11 Another amendment was then MOVED by Prof. Gilsdorf, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan

"THAT the implications of the student services fee applied to Continuing Education students be studied by the Rectorate or a task force. If it is possible or desirable to implement such a fee then the percentage of the graduated fee be adjusted downward."

Following discussion it was MOVED by Ms. O'Dea, SECONDED by Mr. El-Awadi and CARRIED that the question be called on the second amendment.

The Chairman then called the question on the amendment.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

78.3.3.12 It was then MOVED by Ms. Litner, SECONDED by Mr. Macaluso

"THAT a letter from the Chairman accompany the motion stating June 1st as a deadline."

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS.

78.3.3.13 It was then MOVED by Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Ms. Litner and CARRIED that the question be called on the original motion.

The Chairman then called the question on the original motion contained in 3.1.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Macaluso and the Chairman thanked the Finance Committee for the work done on behalf of Council.

78.3.3.14 A third amendment was then MOVED by Mr. Wiemann, SECONDED by Dean Flynn

"THAT neither foreign nor independent students pay a higher student services fee than full-time or part-time students."

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

78.3.3.15 It was MOVED by Prof. Gilsdorf, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea

"THAT the Priorities Committee investigate and report back to Council no later than the May meeting on the possibility of phasing out the football program at Concordia University by the end of the 1980 varsity football season."

In the discussion which followed it became apparent that the Priorities Committee composed of the four Directors and four representatives of the student associations had not met because student representatives did not attend meetings which had been called.

Dr. Enos, in addition to several other members, spoke against the motion stating that he believed a serious question such as this could not properly be studied in so short a time.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Ms. O'Dea, SECONDED by Mr. Macaluso and CARRIED that the question be called.

The Chairman then called the question.

MOTION DEFEATED.

78.3.3.16 It was then MOVED by Prof. Gilsdorf, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea

"THAT an Ad-Hoc Committee of this Council be appointed to investigate the possibility of phasing out football by the end of the 1980 varsity football season."

Prof. Gilsdorf, in speaking to the motion, stated that it was his wish that Council face the question of priorities within the student services area. In his opinion, for financial reasons, it will be necessary to begin cutting back whole programs involving personnel instead of making small cuts in many programs, and it was his belief that the most questionable program is football.

Discussion followed, members stating that other areas of student services should be investigated, such as ethnic clubs, health services, etc. The question of the inactivity of the present Priorities Committee was then raised again and it was MOVED by Prof. Gilsdorf, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea and CARRIED that the motion be TABLED.

17.3.3.17 In connection with Father Graham's letter of January 26, 1978 concerning program cost analysis addressed to Mr. Macaluso, Document CCSL-78-3-D4, Prof. Gilsdorf MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea

"THAT Council be provided with a cost analysis for each student services program before any budget for 1979/80 is approved."

MOTION CARRIED.

78.3.4

It was MOVED by Ms. O'Dea and duly SECONDED

"THAT Prof. Bedford, Chairman of Council, be appointed temporary convenor of the Priorities Committee.

Ms. O'Dea withdrew her motion when it was MOVED by Mr. James and duly SECONDED

"THAT Mr. Macaluso be appointed convenor of the Priorities Committee."

MOTION CARRIED.

Date of Next Meeting

78.3.5

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of Council would be held on April 17, 1978, in Room 769 of the Hall Building, Sir George Williams Campus.

Other Business

78.3.6

It was announced by Mr. Cloutier that several members of the student body on the Sir George Williams Campus were interested in attending the championship hockey series in Moncton, N. B. by train and were interested in raising money to help defray the costs involved. After discussion, it was MOVED by Mr. Cloutier, SECONDED by Dr. Enos

"THAT the Chairman of the CCSL make available an amount not to exceed \$500 to help defray the cost of students attending the games in Moncton."

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.